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EDUCATION

- **PhD in Economics** in 2001 from Free University of Brussels
Dissertation Title: *Exchange Rate Management and Macroeconomic Fundamentals: an empirical investigation*
- **Master in Econometrics** in 1998 from Free University of Brussels
- **Master in Applied Economics and Statistics** from National Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics (INSEA), Rabat, Morocco
- **Bachelor in Statistics** from INSEA, Morocco

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Professor of Economics at INSEA (National Institute of Statistics and Applied Economics), Rabat Morocco
- Senior Associate at the Carnegie Middle East Center (CMEC)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Research Associate at the Department of Applied Economics of Free University of Brussels (DULBEA)
- Research Fellow at the Economic Research Forum (ERF)
- Member of the board of the Mediterranean Forum for Economic Institutes (FEMISE)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

a) Books and book chapters

- **The Price of Stability in Algeria**, *Carnegie Editions*, Washington DC, April 2013.
- **Tunisia's Economic Challenges**, *Carnegie Editions*, Washington DC, December 2011.
- **Inflation Targeting in MENA countries: An unfinished Journey** (Joint chapter with Dr Adel Bouhrara), *Palgrave Macmillan* 2011

- **Morocco's Experience with Poverty Reduction: Lessons for the Arab World**, *Carnegie Editions*, Washington DC, August, 2010.
- **Market dynamics and Productivity in Developing countries** (Joint chapter with Dr Khalid Sekkat), *Springer Editions*, 2010
- **Trading high unemployment for bad jobs: Employment challenges in the Maghreb** *Carnegie Editions*, Washington DC, June 2010
- **Competition and Efficiency in the Arab World** (Joint chapter with Dr Khalid Sekkat), *Palgrave Macmillan*, 2008
- **L'Economie Marocaine en Questions** (Joint book with Dr Khalid Sekkat), *Editions l'Harmattan*, 2007
- **Le commerce intra-régional : l'Afrique du Nord est-elle une exception?** (Chapter in «l'Année du Maghreb »), *Editions CNRS*, 2007
- **Globalization, Employment and Income Distribution in Developing Countries** (Joint chapter with Dr Khalid Sekkat), *Palgrave Macmillan*, 2006
- **The Impact of Financial Liberalization on Saving and Investment in MENA Countries** *Routledge*, Collection Research in Middle East Economics (Volume 6, chapter 4), 2005
- **Management du Taux de change au Maroc : Quelle option par rapport à l'Euro** (Book edited by Dr Lahcen Achy), *Editions El Maarif Al Jadida*, 2003.

b) Articles published in referred international academic journals

- **“Training, New Equipment and Job Creation: A Firm-level Analysis using Moroccan Data”** joint with Khalid Sekkat, *European Journal of Development Research Vol. 23, 4, 615–629* (September 2011)
- **“Corporate capital structure choices in MENA: Empirical evidence from non listed firms in Morocco”**, *Middle East Development Journal* (December 2009).
- **“Coping with sectoral data limitations when measuring oligopoly power in a developing country”**, Joint paper with K. Sekkat and A. Azzam, *Regional and Sectoral Economic Studies* (December 2009).
- **“Parity Reversion Persistence in Real Exchange Rates: Middle Income Country Case”** in *Applied Economics* n°35 (2005).
- **“The Impact of European Single Currency on MENA's Manufactured Exports to Europe”** in *Review of Development Economics* (November 2003) joint with Khalid Sekkat.
- **“Purchasing Power Parity and Co integration: The case of North African Currencies”** in *Brussels Economic Review* n° 71 (4), 2001.
- **“Exchange Rate Misalignment in Selected MENA Countries”**, Working paper, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies (RSC N° 2001/42), European University Institute of Florence.
- **“Taux de Change et Potentiel d'Exportation au Maroc : Cas des Industries de Textile Habillement et Cuir”**, Economic Research Forum WP (N° 0318/2001).

c) List of journals and editors for which I acted as referee

- International Journal of Emerging Markets
- Journal of International Development
- Middle East Development Journal
- Journal of Comparative Economics
- Empirica
- World Economy
- Eastern Economic Journal
- Brussels economic review
- Applied Economics
- Open Economics Journal
- Canadian Review “Actualités Economiques”
- Revue d’Économie internationale (CEPII, France)
- Review of Development Economics
- Oxford University Press
- World Bank

d) Policy-oriented research and reports (2006-2013)

- **“Fiscal Decentralization and Economic Performance in Selected South Mediterranean Countries, Report for the European Union”** (*Femise Network*), (April 2013)
- **“The Long Journey out of Authoritarianism in the Arab Mediterranean Countries”**, *Femise Annual Report* (November 2012)
- **“The Breakdown of the Authoritarian Bargain in the Arab Mediterranean Countries”**, *Femise Annual Report* (November 2011)
- **“Access to finance by Morocco’s SMES: Diagnostics and policy recommendations”**, *Report for UNCTAD* (October 2009)
- **“The Political Economy of Trade Policy in Morocco: Textiles and pharmaceuticals”**, Policy Research Paper *Economic Research Forum (ERF)*, (September 2007).
- **“Liberalization of trade in services and European Neighborhood policy”**, Report for the World Bank, (March 2007)
- **“Assessment of the potential of regional trade integration in North Africa”**, Report for the Economic Commission for Africa (North African Bureau), (March 2006)

CONFERENCES AND OTHER SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (2010-2013)

- October 2013: **“A Transforming Arab World: Between Continuity and Change”**, EuroMeSCo Annual Conference, Paris, France.
- August 2013: **“North Africa’s Difficult Transition”**, Summer School organized by the German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin, Germany.

- July 2013: **“Inclusive growth, integration of youth, children and vulnerable groups: issues of funding and policymaking”** Meeting organized by UNICEF regional Office, Amman, Jordan
- June 2013: **“Transition and Gender Equality in Arab Countries”**, Meeting organized by Carnegie Middle East Center, Rabat, Morocco
- June 2013: **“Rethinking Economic Growth in Arab countries: Towards more productive and inclusive societies”** Workshop co-organized by Carnegie Middle East Center, UNDP and ILO
- May 2013: **“Persistent Challenges to Sustained prosperity in the Arab Region”** UNIDO meeting, Amman, Jordan
- March 2013: **“Conference on Political and Economic Transition in North Africa”**, organized by the Finnish Parliament and Finnish Institute for International Studies Helsinki, Finland.
- March 2013: **“Annual Conference of Economic Research Forum (ERF)”**, Kuwait.
- April 2012: **Conference of the International Competition Network**, Rio, Brazil
- January 2012: **Islamic Development Bank workshop on Inclusive Development**, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- January 2012: **Wilton Park conference on Future trends and challenges for the MENA region”** Sussex, UK
- December 2011: **Conference on Inclusive Growth, organized by IDRC (Canada)**, in New Delhi, India
- October 2011: **Workshop on the Political Economy Analysis for Development**, UNDP, Cairo, Egypt
- September 2011: **War and Turmoil: The Challenges of Rebuilding Libya**, Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, Lebanon
- September 2011: **Workshop on the economics of the Arab Spring**, Chatham House, London
- September 2011: **Deauville Partnership of the leading Mediterranean Economists**, Marseille, France
- July 2011: **Conference on Tunisia’s Short and Medium Term challenges**, Tunis, Tunisia
- September 2010: Conference co-organized by Carnegie and Morocco’s institute for international relations on the **Experience of Poverty Reduction in Morocco: Forces, Limits and Strategic Options**, Casablanca, Morocco.
- July 2010: **Conference on poverty reduction in the Arab World, contrasting three experiences: Egypt, Morocco and Syria.**
- March 2010: **Workshop on research issues at the firm level in the MENA region**, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt.
- January 2010: International conference on **labor markets in the Maghreb: Structures, Institutions and Policies**, Rabat, Morocco.

CONSULTANCY POSITIONS

Various short term consultancy positions with:

- International Labor Organization
- UNDP
- World Bank
- European Commission
- IDRC (Canada)
- Economic Research Forum (ERF)
- Global Development Network (GDN)
- DFID (UK)
- UNIDO
- Economic Commission for Africa
- OECD
- UNCTAD

SELECTED ARTICLES IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS

- **Arab States Need Industrial Policy Reform**, Middle East Al Monitor, September 22, 2013.
- **Lack of support to "Arab uprisings" may be costly!** Les Echos, July 31, 2013.
- **Moroccan Youth Struggle to find employment opportunities**, Middle East Al Monitor, July 1, 2013
- **What complementarity between public and private sectors?**, Al Hayat (London-based Arabic Newspaper), June 12, 2013.
- **Reform of fuel subsidies: success and failures**, Al Hayat (London-based Arabic Newspaper), May 28, 2013.
- **Excessive centralization widens regional disparities in Arab countries**, Al Hayat (London-based Arabic Newspaper), May 14, 2013.
- **Tunisian Economy Struggle**, Middle East Al Monitor, May 3, 2013.
- **Algeria Held back by corruption and poor planning**, Middle East Al Monitor, April 16, 2013.
- **The economic consequences of Syria's social unrest**, (*Los Angeles Times*, August 17, 2011)
- **Algeria: Postponing Economic Therapy is Playing with Fire** (*LA Times*, July 18, 2011)
- **Egypt: Foreign Debt Constrains Economic Choices** (*LA Times*, June 5, 2011)
- **Morocco: What a GCC Membership Would Mean for the Economy** (*LA Times*, June 3, 2011)
- **After Revolutions, Rising to North Africa's Economic Challenges** (*LA Times*, April 28, 2011)
- **Syria: Economic Hardship Feeds Social Unrest** (*LA Times*, March 31, 2011)
- **Why Did Protests in Algeria Fail to Gain Momentum?** (*Foreign Policy*, March 31, 2011)
- **Tunisia: Unemployment crisis and protests** (*LA Times*, December 27, 2010)

- **Egypt: Policymakers ignore increasingly disaffected youth** (*LA Times, December 26, 2010*)
- **The uncertain future of economic reforms in Egypt** (*Al Ahrām, December 23, 2010*)
- **Egypt: economy haunted by inflation, unemployment and corruption** (*LA Times, December 18, 2010*)
- **MENA Oil Importing Countries: Sluggish Recovery and Immense Challenges Ahead** (*International Economic Bulletin, September 2010*)

LANGUAGES

- **Proficiency level in English, French and Arabic**
- **Intermediate level in Spanish**